Mr. K. Shahul Hameed : May I know the action taken by the Director of Transport with regard to deaths caused by the negligence on the part of drivers ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : The drivers have been dismissed and the Inspector General of Police has been directed to frame charges against them and conduct cases in courts of law.

Accidents to State Transport Buses.

73. ***Mr. K. Shahul Hameed :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of accidents to State Transport Buses during the year 1121 ;

(b) the number of casualties, if any ; and

(c) whether the department has enquired into the cause of these accidents ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : *(a)* 21.

(b) 5.

(c) Yes.

Overload in the State Transport Buses.

74. ***Mr. K. Shahul Hameed :** Will the Government be pleased to state the measures taken for checking overload in buses operated by the State Transport Department ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : It is proposed to increase the number of vehicles by about 50 per cent. on the present routes within the next four months for which purpose additional vehicles have been purchased.

Trivandrum-Nedumangad Bus Service.

75. ***Mr. K. Shahul Hameed :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Director of Transport has received any representation from the public of Nedumangad praying that the Trivandrum-Nedumangad bus service may be extended to Pazhakutti, the heart of the town ; and

(b) the action taken thereon ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti : *(a)* No.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to part (a).

State Transport Buses running between Alwaye and Parur.

76. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether State Transport buses were running 9 times a day between Alwaye and Parur on any date in Edavom ;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether the same number is still continued ; and

(c) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, when the reduction took place and the cause for such reduction ?

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Mr. N. Ramamurti: *(a)* Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The reduction was made on 10-11-1121 as it was found difficult to operate all trips with one bus.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know the number of trips now undertaken?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Five.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Is it not possible to introduce another shuttle service?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Yes, Sir. We are proposing to increase the number of trips.

Bus service in the Kottayam Division.

77. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) why the State Transport does not commence service on important routes in the Kottayam Division; and

(b) to whom has been given the monopoly of all bus service routes in the Division; and

(c) how long it is since the monopoly was granted?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: *(a)* Due to want of additional vehicles.

(b) To none.

(c) Does not arise in view to answer to part (b).

State Transport Advisory Committee.

78. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendation has been received from the State Transport Advisory Committee suggesting to conduct express services between Quilon-Aroor and Kottayam-Vaikom; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether the recommendation has been accepted.

Mr. N. Ramamurti: *(a)* No. But in respect of Kottayam-Vaikom route a recommendation has been received.

(b) The matter is receiving attention.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Is it not possible to consider the question of introducing express service between Quilon and Aroor in the general scheme?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Not at the present moment.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know when the Kottayam-Vaikom line will be taken?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Very shortly, I hope Sir.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know whether one of the reasons for the recommendation was the heavy overcrowding on private buses in that line?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Yes, Sir.

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